1	2	3
23.	लेबनान	8
24.	लीबिया	2
25.	मलेशिया	147
26.	मालदीव	1
27.	मारीशस	29
28.	मैक्सिको	11
29.	म्यांमार	16
30.	नेपाल	186
31.	नीदरलैंडस	11
32.	ओमान सल्तनत	35
33.	पाकिस्तान	984
34.	पुर्तगाल	1
35.	कतर	84
36.	रोमानिया	7
37.	रूसी परिसंघ	2
38.	सऊदी अरब	1529
39.	सिंगापुर	365
40.	स्पेन	12
41.	श्रीलंका	21
42.	सीरियाई अरब गणराज्य	3
43.	थाईलैंड	6
44.	त्रिनिडाड और टोबेगो	1
45.	तुर्की	1
46.	उक्रेन	2
47.	संयुक्त अरब अमीरात	500
48.	यूनाइटिड किंगडम	299
49.	यू० एस० ए०	69
50.	उजबेकिस्तान	1
51.	यमन अरब गणराज्य	1
52.	जिम्बाब्वे	2
	कुल योग:	5137

India's Appreciation by OIC

2879. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Organisation of Islamic Conference had appreciated the position of India on Kashmir because of the approach India made that the Islamic countries are understanding India's position on Kashmir; and

(b) if so, whether Government of India will pursue the policy of opposing the dissemination of information on Kashmir which has been distorted by Pakistan through their official media as also in the international forum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) India has explained its position on Kashmir to friendly countries including member countries of the Organization of Islamic Conference. India follows a transparent policy and it has also invited resident Ambassadors in Delhi to visit Kashmir including from the member countries of the OIC. India believes that it has been useful to convey our point of view in this manner.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government of India through its Missions abroad continuously keeps the foreign governments informed of India's policies and position on important domestic issue like Kashmir and wherever distortions are presented by vested interest including countries like Pakistan, these are refuted and correct position explained.

FPI in West Bengal

2880. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many food processing industries are registered throughout the country; state-wise number;

(b) district-wise number of such industries in West Bengal; and

(c) what amount of money is collected for the development of such industries during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING

INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors and information in respect of the Food Processing Industries, State-wise is not maintained centrally.

(b) District-wise number of all food processing industries in the States is not maintained centrally. However, as per the available information, there are 239 Fruit and Vegetable Processing Units, 21 Sweetened Acrated Water Units, 11 Meat Food Products Manufacturing Units, 33 Fish Processing Units, 2 Beer Units, 49 roller flour mills, 10555 rice mills in the State of West Bengal.

(c) No money is collected from the industries for their development by this Ministry.

Food Processing Industries in Kutch Region in Gujarat

2881. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Taluka-wise number of applications received by Government for setting up food processing industries in Kutch Region during the last three years, years-wise;

(b) what is the number of applications cleared so far by Government out of the said applications and also the number of licences issued for the setting up of such industries in the region;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to issue licences for setting up of such industries in this region during the year 1994; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGIA): (a) to (c) 2 proposals for setting fruit and vegetable processing units and 1 proposal for setting up of a unit for specialised products of Soya bean, in Kutch district of Gujarat, have been approved.

(d) and (e) Almost all food processing industries excepting for distillation and brewing of alcoholic drinks and manufacture of those items reserved for small scale sector have been declared as high priority industries and consequently delicensed.

Foreign Investment in FPI

2882. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign companies are investing most in food processing industry;

(b) if so, the proportion of such investment to total foreign investment in the last years; and

(c) on what considerations Governments are allowing, and even encouraging processing of food items when it is far less nutritive and far more expensive than unprocessed food?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Food processing Industries is attracting investment from foreign investors including those from NRI.

(b) The proportion is around 11%.

(c) Most produce of agriculture and allied activities require processing before consumption as food. Processing also helps in making the product, safe for human consumption, reduction of wastages increase in shelf-life, Improving taste, add nutrition, value addition, employment generation, export earnings,